(b) whether there is any proposal to start regional physical education colleges at different places; and

(c) how many universities are offering Master Degree Courses in physical education and what is their annual turn-out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The proposals regarding promotion of physical education during VII Five Year Plan include the following:—

(1) Further development of Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior.

(2) Strengthening of Physical Education Teacher Training Institutions through financial assistance for improvement/development of their physical facilities.

(3) Financial Assistance to national level yoga Institution for promotion of research and/or teacher training programmes other than pertaining to therapeutic aspects.

(4) Strengthening of physical education and sports programmes at school level.

(b) It has been proposed to the government that there should be one Regional Complex of the Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education for the South Region at Trivandrum.

(c) As per information available with the University Grants Commission, in 1983, 17 Universities were offering Master Degree Course in Physical Education. However, corresponding figures of the annual turnout are not available with the Commission.

Railway travel coupons to correspondents of Nagpur City

2424. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accredited correspondents of newspapers stationed at Nagpur city are not granted travel coupons by the Railways though they are entitled to get the same; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and ((b) The facility of rail travel coupons to accredited press correspondents and News Cameramen stationed at Nagpur is being allowed to continue again, pending a review on the basis of views of the State Governments.

Recommendations of Major Ports Administrative Reforms Committee

2425. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the Major Ports Administrative Reforms Committee.

(b) whether Government have accepted the report in toto or in part;

(c) whether the term of Board of major port trusts have expired and if so, by whom they are likely to be reconstituted; and

(d) whether Government propose to give adequate representation to trade Unions, trade and commerce and other non-officials?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) The Major Ports Reforms Committee has not yet submitted its final recommendations. Only an interim report has been received which is under consideration. The recommendations and decisions will be made known when Govt. has taken decision.

(c) The term of the present Boards of Trustees of the Major Ports of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cochin, Visakhapatnam, Kandla. Mormugao and Paradip will expire on 31.3.1986 and will be reconstituted from 1.4.1986.

(d) The representation will be given as per provisions of the Law.

Conversion of the Gandhidham- Bhuj-line

2426. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey for conversion of the Gandhidham-Bhuj metre gauge line and its extension to Lakhpat via Mandvi has been conducted; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of the work undertaken so far and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Updating of the Preliminary Engineering-cum Traffiic Survey for the conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj M.G. section to B.G. and extension of the B.G. line from Bhuj to Lakhpat via Mandvi has been taken up and is nearing completion. A decision will be taken after completion of the survey and examination of the Survey Report, subject to availability of funds, and clearance by the Planning Commission.

Small ship builders

2427. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small ship builders on the approved list of Government; and

(b) whether there were any complaints against a Calcutta based ship building company, if so, what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Games

2428. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many sportsmen and women took Part in the National Games held in Delhi in November, 1985;

(b) which of the disciplines were included in the National Games;

(c) how many medals were awarded to the winning teams and sportsmen and women with details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to make the National Games an annual feature with a view to promoting interest in sports; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) According to the information received from the Indian Olympic Association, 2328 sportspersons took part in the National Games, 1985. The sports disciplines included in the Games were Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Equestrian, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey(M), Hockey(W), Judo, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Lawn Tennis, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Yachting. Teams and sportspersons were awarded 774 medals. These included 255 gold, 253 silver and 266 bronze medals. The National Games are organised by the Indian Olympic Association which proposes to hold National Games once in every two years. It is for the Association to take steps in the matter.

National Talent Search Contest

2429. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any National Talent